Impact assessment of Centrally sponsored schemes

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission and outside professional agencies have decided to undertake impact assessment of the Centrally sponsored schemes for which evaluation has not yet been undertaken;

(b) if so, whether this would help Government in deciding whether the schemes should be continued or weeded out;

(c) whether this decision of Government would help to ensure that the performance of Centrally sponsored schemes get evaluated;

(d) if so, by when the findings of the evaluation would be completed;

(e) whether all the Central schemes up to Ninth Plan would be considered; and

(f) if so, by when a final assessment would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.Government has decided to undertake impact assessment of the Centrally sponsored schemes for which evaluation has not yet been undertaken. It has also been decided to engage professional agencies for evaluation purposes as evaluation capacity of the Government agencies is limited.

(b) Impact assessment would help the Government in bringing about improvements in design, implementation, restructuring and weeding out of the schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir. The decision of the Government would ensure that performance of the Centrally sponsored schemes is evaluated.

(d) to (f) Evaluation of Centrally sponsored schemes is a continuous process and no time limit for completion of evaluation of all the schemes up to Ninth Plan has been fixed. This is because the number of Centrally sponsored schemes is quite large and the evaluation capacity both within Government and outside is limited.